



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grapevine, TX – (December 13, 2022) The City of Grapevine is providing ongoing support to homeowners and businesses impacted by tornado damage. At approximately 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, storms moved through Grapevine, causing significant damage that spanned several miles. The first area of impact occurred just off of SH-26 and SH-114, at the Sam's Club and Walmart Supercenter. Other nearby businesses were also hit as the storm traveled east along Northwest Highway, downing power lines and uprooting trees, before causing damage to the city service center and Grapevine Mills Mall.

Grapevine Police and Fire personnel immediately responded to the storm reports to check on lives and property. Five people were injured due to the storms and were transported to the hospital for treatment. None of the five have life-threatening injuries. Individuals inside other businesses that suffered damage were evacuated to safer locations by city crews.

Grapevine Police remained in constant contact with Grapevine-Colleyville ISD regarding the safety of students and staff, and ensured they had all necessary resources throughout the day. Grapevine public safety crews launched an immediate assessment of road safety and debris, and began working to clear as many areas as possible. Some city roads remain closed for safety. Grapevine Animal Services closed for the day due to power outages and road closures. All animals and staff remain safe.

Oncor reports up to 8,000 customers were without power in the morning, but crews have been making repairs all day, and that number is decreasing each hour. As of 4:30 p.m., 3,729 customers were still without power. The REC of Grapevine opened as a shelter for people temporarily without power, so they could charge devices or medical equipment. The REC will remain open until 10:00 p.m. - or as needed.

Grapevine Fire units will begin the process of traveling through neighborhoods to assess further damage. Grapevine Police will add extra patrols and security to impacted businesses to ensure property remains protected overnight.

Several neighboring agencies answered the call for help in response to storm damage. The City of Grapevine extends its gratitude to Bedford, Colleyville, Coppell, Euless, Flower Mound, Haltom City, Southlake, and Watauga for offering aid.

The City of Grapevine is a resilient and caring community. We will continue to ensure the welfare of everyone impacted by the storms and provide assistance as needed. A web page has been created for storm and recovery updates at: gystormupdates.com. Anyone who has storm damage to their home or business is urged to file a report with the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iStat). The link is available at GyStormUpdates.com.